

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Previously Presented) A converter circuit having a first and a second converter element, with each converter element having a DC voltage circuit and in each case one converter element phase (u1, v1, w1) of the first converter element being connected to a respective converter element phase (u2, v2, w2) of the second converter element, and having a transformer, with the secondary windings of the transformer being connected to the connected converter element phases (u1, v1, w1, u2, v2, w2) of the first and second converter elements, and with one secondary winding in each case being connected in series in each connection of one converter element phase (u1, v1, w1) of the first converter element to one converter element phase (u2, v2, w2) of the second converter element,

wherein

each secondary winding is formed by two winding elements connected in series with one another, with the junction point of the two winding elements forming a neutral-point connection, and

wherein two filter capacitors which are connected in series with one another are in each case connected in parallel with each secondary winding.

2. (Previously Presented) The converter circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein an inductance is connected in series between each converter element

phase (u1, v1, w1, u2, v2, w2) and the secondary winding for one of the converter elements.

3. (Previously Presented) The converter circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein an inductance is connected in series between each converter element phase (u1, v1, w1, u2, v2, w2) and the secondary winding for both converter elements.

4. (Previously Presented) The converter circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein a phase isolating switch is provided on each converter element phase (u1, v1, w1, u2, v2, w2).

5. (Previously Presented) The converter circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the junction point of the two filter capacitors is connected to the neutral-point connection.

6. (Previously Presented) The converter circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein a connecting switch is provided for connecting the neutral-point connections to one another.

7. (Currently Amended) An energy storage device having a first and a second voltage source wherein a converter circuit as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ any one of claims 1 to 6 is provided, and the DC voltage circuit of the first converter element is

connected to the first voltage source, and the DC voltage circuit of the second converter element is connected to the second voltage source.

8. (Currently Amended) A drive system having a first and a second drive converter, which are connected to a rotating electrical machine,

wherein a converter circuit as claimed in ~~claim 4~~ any one of claims 1 to 6 is provided, and the DC voltage circuit of the first converter element is connected to the first drive converter, and the DC voltage circuit of the second converter element is connected to the second drive converter.

9. (Currently Amended) A converter system having a first and a second load converter for feeding an electrical load,

wherein a converter circuit as claimed in ~~claim 4~~ any one of claims 1 to 6 is provided, and the DC voltage circuit of the first converter element is connected to the first load converter, and the DC voltage circuit of the second converter element is connected to the second load converter.